

NEVILLE GODDARD QUOTES FROM LECTURES



Lecture #01 HAVE YOU FOUND HIM Sept. 15, 1967

The other day I read this little statement of Sir James Jeans, one of the greatest astrophysicists of all ages. He said: "On this planet man cannot raise his hand and not disturb the farthest star." It is here that the drama is taking place. You cannot raise an arm, you can't think, without affecting the furthest star. That's how great you are, because God became you that you may become God.

Lecture #02 YOURS FOR THE TAKING Sept. 18, 1967

Having been an alcoholic, this gentleman imagined his wife never mentioned his past; for although he had not tasted alcohol for nine years, he had paid the price in his search for God. You see, the alcoholic is searching for truth. Thirsty, he finds a false spirit in the form of alcohol, while those who will not touch it – and criticize those who do – haven't even started their search. But I have news for them. One day they, too, will know a hunger which will not be satisfied by bread. They will know a thirst so great they will make the mistake of clothing it in the form of a bottle. But because it will be a false thirst, the thirst will remain. Then they will discover the true hunger and the true thirst, which is for the hearing of the word of God.

Lecture #03 PROPHETIC SKETCHES Sept. 22, 1967

In the beginning you promised that you would take the consequences of your imaginal acts, good, bad or indifferent. And you can try from now until the end of time to change the outside, but only when you change your way of thinking can you change your world. Give a man something on the outside to support him and you have conditioned his world and he will curse you when you stop it. But show him how to use his imagination to attract what he wants and you have given him the gift of life.

Lecture #04 TEST YOURSELVES Sept. 25, 1967

So now you are urged to examine yourself to see whether you are holding to the faith. Are you accepting as facts the headlines you see in the paper? The telephone call you just received! The morning's mail or the news on TV which suggest unlovely, horrible things to you? A friend calls, and pouring out all the bilge in the world tells you how bad things are and how they are destined to get worse. As you listen, their woes enter and are assumed by you. Now, if you understand this law that imagining creates reality, you should, like a computer, choose what you are going to allow to enter. And when the conversation is finished and your friend's voice is still fresh and clear in your ear, hear her changed words, the changed tone of her voice, and feel the joy emitted there.

Lecture #05 THE NEW CHRISTOLOGY Sept. 22, 1967

So, in the Father's house are many states of consciousness. Pick a state, enter, and occupy it. Your Father is the good shepherd and your desires are his sheep. When the good shepherd comes he gathers all of your desires for yourself and others together and brings them into the field. How is this done? In your imagination! A friend's desire may not be your desire for him, but if it is not in conflict with your ethical code, and you are a good shepherd, you will represent your friend to yourself as telling you that he (or she) has it. That way your sheep, having heard your voice, will follow you into the fold.

Lecture #06 JUDAS THE REVEALER Oct. 02, 1967

Test your own wonderful human imagination this night and believe in the reality of Christ, your creative power. Believe that all things are possible to him. Imagine the state you desire to express in this world, and as you go about your business you will see how quickly it will come to pass. Then one day scripture will unfold in you, casting you in the central role, but in the interval you are free to choose whatever you want to be or do.

Lecture #07 THE SECRET OF PRAYER Oct. 06, 1967

Prayer is psychological movement. It is the art of moving from a problem to its solution. When a friend calls, telling of a problem, we hang up, and I move from the problem state to its solution by hearing the same lady tell me the problem is now solved.

A friend recently shared this dream with me: We were in a garden and he told me all of his desires, when I said: "Don't desire them, live them!" This is true. Desire is thinking of! Living is thinking from! Don't go through life desiring. Live your desire. Think it is already fulfilled. Believe it is true; for an assumption, though false, if persisted in will harden into fact.

Lecture #08 GOD IS LIGHT Oct. 09, 1967

Put your trust in God's name. Knowing what you want, believe that your assumption will make it a fact. Believe that you need no one on the outside to aid you, for all things are possible to God. Assume things are as you want them to be, for an assumption, persisted in will harden into fact!

Lecture #09 TRUST IN GOD Oct. 13, 1967

Every conceivable situation that you could ever think of exists now as a fact in God but cannot be made visible to you until you occupy it, for you are God's operant power. Everything in this world needs man as the agent to express it. Hate or love, joy or sorrow, all things require man to express it. We glorify or condemn the man, but he simply represents a state which God entered knowingly or unknowingly and remained there until the state was externalized. Everyone is free to choose the state he wishes to occupy. You imagined yourself into your present state. If you don't like it, you must imagine yourself out of it and into another. It is all a matter of movement.

Lecture #10 A MOVEMENT WITHIN GOD Oct. 16, 1967

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Lecture #11 A LESSON IN SCRIPTURE Oct. 23, 1967

You want to be rich? That's the story of Jesus, which is a persistent assumption in the conviction that "I am rich," for unless you believe that "I am rich" you die in your sins and continue to claim "I am poor." You want to be known? Then persistently assume: "I am known." Want to be healthy? "I am healthy!" Regardless of what you want to be, you must declare you already are it and persist in that assumption.

An assumption is an act of faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. Your reasoning mind may deny wealth. Your senses deny it too, but if you have faith you will dare to assume wealth, thereby becoming the man you want to be.

Lecture #12 THE CUP OF EXPERIENCE Oct. 27, 1967

You are infinite love, but without the power of imagination, love itself is eternal death. Start now to change your world to conform to your acts of love, but you cannot do it without imagination. Begin with self! Change your world and prove God's power is within you. Then you will know what it is to drink the cup which the Father has given you. It was God's infinite love that detached and allowed you to fall, for this separation is a fall and yet a beginning of a new creation. Just as the seed falls from man and a new creation begins, you fell and began a new creation, for God came with you as your human imagination!



ASSUME

Decide what you want and ask yourself what it would be like and how you would feel if it were true. Then dare to assume you have it. Let the people who know you now see you after your assumption. Don't make them see you; let them see the change!

Think of the world as a sounding box, echoing and reflecting what you have assumed. Listen to your friends comment on your change. See their faces expressing their pleasure on your good fortune. Wear that feeling as you now wear your present body of belief. Continue to wear that new state and in no time at all your desire will objectify itself and become a fact in your world. Then you will know who the cause of the phenomena of life really is.

DARE

Right now you can use your powerful imagination to assume you are what at the moment your senses and reason deny.

Walk in this assumption, knowing you are all imagination, and all things are possible to you.

Dare to believe in the reality of your assumption and watch the world play its part relative to its fulfillment.

Your assumption may appear to be false when first imagined; but if you will persist, it will harden into fact, because God is he who is doing the assuming.

All of the objective facts you see here on earth are only shadows, which fade because imagination is their reality.

SPIRITUAL SENSATION

Lecture #115 – Neville 05/16/1969

ATTITUDE

When you change your attitude towards another, he must change his attitude towards you.

Are we not told: "We love him because he first loved us?"

It always starts with self!

If you want him to be different, you must initiate the change. And as you do, you are practicing repentance, for the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

PERCEPTION

Lecture #46 – Neville 04/26/1968

WEALTH

Leave the state containing poverty and move into the state containing wealth, and wealth will take on reality. This room has reality and substance because you are thinking from it.

Think of a room, however, and it is but a shadow. Think of a state and it seems a mere possibility. But enter it by thinking from the state and it is the only reality.

Blake said: "If the spectator could only enter into the image in his Imagination; if he could make a friend and companion of his image, he would rise from the grave and meet the Lord in the heavens."

Now, buried in a state, you are a spectator of other states. But if you will rise from your present state and bury yourself in another, you will express it. If you can be what you want to be, why not become it?

Why sit in a state you dislike and argue, when you can move into another state in your imagination? But once you have moved into the state of your fulfilled desire, don't be like Lot's wife. Don't look back at your former state and preserve it, for salt is a preservative.

LIVE THE ANSWER NOW

Lecture #22 – Neville 01/15/1968

CAUSE

I urge everyone to think of time as precious! Use each and every moment to plant a seed of thought you want to experience.

Then, when your thoughtful seed is harvested, remember the moment of planting; for every natural effect has a spiritual cause which happens the moment you dare to assume your desire is real.

THE SPIRITUAL CAUSE

Lecture #48 – Neville 05/03/1968

BELIEVE

When I say all things exist in the human imagination, I mean infinite states; for everything possible for you to experience now, exists in you as a state of which you are its operant power.

Only you can make a state become alive. You must enter a state and animate it in order for it to outpicture itself in your world.

You may then go back to sleep and think the objective fact is more real than its subjective state into which you have entered; but may I tell you: all states exist in the imagination.

When a state is entered subjectively, it becomes objective in your vegetative world, where it will wax and wane and disappear; but its eternal form will remain forever and can be reanimated and brought back into being through the seed of contemplative thought.

So I tell you: the most creative thing in you is to enter a state, and believe it into being.

BRAZEN IMPUDENCE

There is no limit to the power of belief or to the possibilities of prayer, but you must be brazenly impudent and not take No for an answer. Try it!

When I say you are all imagination, I mean it.

While standing here on the platform I can, in a split-second, imagine I am standing on the outside, looking at this building. Or, in another second be in London and view the world from there. You say that's all hallucination? That it is all in my imagination?

BRAZEN IMPUDENCE

Lecture #64 – Neville 09/27/1968

DESIRE

Take me at my word and test yourself. Take a sentence as my friend did, or a picture that would imply the fulfillment of your desire.

Hold it in your mind's eye.

Don't tell anyone, but persuade yourself of its truth and drop into a deep sleep.

If you do this, no power on earth can stop your desire from objectifying itself.

THE CORE OF MAN

Lecture #18 – Neville 11/17/1967

ETERNITY

Eternity exists and all things in eternity independent of your creative act. You may continue to build only upon what your mortal eye sees, and perpetuate the same thing over and over again, remaining forever where you are.

But if you know that all things exist, though unseen at the moment, and you have access to them through your imagination, you can rearrange the pattern of your thinking and change your world by remaining loyal to your unseen construction.

And when it externalizes itself by becoming a fact that you may share with others, then you will have found the secret of creation, which was an act of faith.

CREATION – FAITH

Lecture #52 – Neville 05/20/1968

FREEDOM

If there is confusion in your life, and you resolve it in your imagination, and the world bears witness to what you have done – you caused the change. And since there is no other cause, then did you not cause the confusion also?

There is only one God and Father of us all who is above all, through all, and in all. If He is in every being who says I am, and there is only one God, no one can accuse another; for God's name is not he is, but I am. No matter what appears on the outside, I am its cause.

Assume full responsibility for the things you observe, and if you do not like what you see, know you have the power to change them. Then exercise that power and you will observe the change you caused. If you are truly willing to assume that responsibility, you are set free.

FREEDOM

Lecture #73 – Neville 10/28/1968

FULLFILLMENT

I tell you that imagination creates reality and I ask you to imagine a state, any state, which would imply the fulfillment of your desire.

It doesn't really matter what anyone else thinks; it's what you think that matters to you!

If you create a scene which implies the fulfillment of your desire and dwell in it until you have an inner conviction that it is real, what does it matter what another thinks?

AN INNER CONVICTION

Lecture #35 – Neville 03/15/1968

I AM

Any desire is yours to fulfill if you will not lose confidence in I am. Attach anything to it and it will grow.

If your desire is to be rich, say to yourself: I am rich – and think from that assumption.

If you want to be known, claim you already are. You can be anything you want to be by the act of assumption.

Wear your desire as though it were true now, and your assumption – though denied by your senses – when persisted in will harden into fact by objectifying itself and becoming a reality.

THE INCARNATE REVELATION

Lecture #89 – Neville 02/20/1969

IMAGINATION

There is not a moment in time when imagination is not acting, causing the events of the world.

You may not remember your thoughts and deny you have anything to do with what you are reaping, but you can only harvest what you plant.

HE IS MY RESURRECTION

Lecture #59 – Neville 06/28/1968

LOVE

Are you willing to become enamored over a desire that much?

Are you willing to fall in love with its fulfillment that you imagine it is yours now?

If so, I promise you it will outpicture itself in your world.

YOUR MAKER – Lecture #88 – Neville 01/07/1969

MOUNTAINS

No matter what it is you desire, remember: nothing is impossible. What is now proved was once only imagined, so begin by imagining a state and persuading yourself that you are in it.

Blake said: "The ancients believed that if you are self-persuaded, it was so. There was a time in Imagination when a firm persuasion removed mountains."

You can remove the seemingly mountainous obstacles which confront you by simply ignoring them and assuming the end. And if you have to go over the mountain, you will, or the mountain will be removed.

Whatever is necessary to be removed for you to fulfill what you have assumed, will be done for you as long as you remain faithful to yourself, the source of all life.

THE SOURCE

Lecture #69 Neville 10/14/1968

PERCEPTION

Now remember: nothing appears in perception that cannot be duplicated in fancy. If you can perceive your desire, it exists. You cannot perceive an object that does not exist on some level (or levels) of imagination.

Identify your human imagination with God, and because God calls a thing that is not now seen as though it were seen, you can call a state into being by assuming you are in it. And if you believe you have received your desire, you will, for belief will lead the way to its fulfillment.

If you look to reason rather than imagination, you are seeing the devil instead of God. The devil is the doubter in you. He questions your belief saying: "If you are the son of God then turn this stone into bread. Cast yourself down and his angels will lift you up." All of these challenges are made by self-doubt.

PERCEPTION

Lecture #46 – Neville 04/26/1968

SATISFACTION

An objective, a desire, is an egg, which you can penetrate and occupy. You can move right into it and view the world from it.

Don't think of it; view the world from it, which implies that you are in it.

Then feel the relief, the satisfaction, of being there.

Do this and no power in the world can stop you from realizing that state.

You may regret what you did, but you will fulfill it anyway. Learn your lesson and try not to do that which you do not want to experience in the future.

CONCEPTION

Lecture #34 – Neville 03/11/1968

SENSE

Start now to exercise your God-given talents of sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell – together, or individually. The sense of touch is the strongest in me.

If someone expresses their desire to me in a letter, I touch the paper they wrote, believing they are telling me of their desire's fulfillment. I know only one out of ten ever respond after I have granted their request, but that is all right.

Having felt their letter and seen its contents, I know I have impregnated myself with the good fortunes they are desiring, and in so doing, my own captivity is being lifted.

THE STATE OF VISION

Lecture #32 – Neville 02/26/1968

SPIRITUAL SENSATION

Ask yourself this simple question:

What would it be like if it were true that I am now the person I want to be?

Then reach for its feeling, its spiritual sensation. What is that? I'll show you in a very simple way. Feel a piece of glass, now feel a baseball. Does the baseball feel like glass? Can you feel a tennis ball? Does it feel like a baseball or a piece of glass? Can you feel a piece of cloth, a violet, a piano? Do they all feel alike? Of course not. That's spiritual sensation – a vivid way of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling reality.

WALK BY FAITH

Lecture #15 – Neville 11/06/1967

STATES

Do you know what you want from life? You can be anything you want to be if you know who you are. Start from the premise, "I am all imagination and pass through states," for eternity (all things) exist now!

Having experienced a state and moved into another one you may think the former state has ceased to be, but all states are eternal, they remain forever.

Like the mental traveler that you are, you pass through states either wittingly or unwittingly, but your individual identity is forever.

Whether you are rich or poor, you retain the same individual identity when you move from one state into another. If you are not on guard, you can be persuaded by the press, television, or radio, to change your concept of self and unwittingly move into an undesirable state.

You can move into many states and play many parts, but as the actor, you do not change your identity.

When you are rich, you are the same actor as when you are poor. These are only different parts you are playing.

ETERNAL STATES

Lecture # 60 – Neville 09/09/1968

SOURCE

All that you are conscious of is within you.

Where else could it be?

Looking out and seeing this world as mechanical and not spiritual, causes you to remain lost in your search, for the world is your mirror.

You are its source.

Everything you perceive is within, for it is in the head that God created the heavens and the earth.

THE SOURCE

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